

# WINTER MEETING

## Of the Washington Presbytery at Third Presbyterian Church.

### ADDRESSES ON LIVE TOPICS

Marked the Opening Session, Which Was Largely Attended—Good Representation of Delegates From the Churches Embraced—Interesting Programmes Rendered—The Concluding Session Will be Held This Afternoon.

The winter meeting of the Washington presbytery opened in this city, at the Third Presbyterian church, last night, and there will be morning and afternoon sessions to-day. The attendance of ministerial and lay delegates was above the average, and the programmes were very interesting. The features of last night's session were the addresses of Rev. James H. Snowden and Rev. Matthew Rutherford, both of Washington, Pa. Rev. R. H. Bigger and his congregation are entertaining the visitors.

The opening services began with the doxology, followed by prayer made by Moderator Percy H. Gordon, of Burgettstown, Pa., who also gave the scripture reading.

The first address was "A Loyal Presbyterian," delivered by Rev. J. M. Mealy, D. D. of Waynesburg, Pa. It was a logical and thoughtful paper. Dr. Mealy argued for loyalty to one's own church; disloyalty hindered one's spirituality and gave the world a chance to sneer. In our relations to Christ it was imperative to be loyal to one's local church. Dr. Mealy illustrated the help poor or humble, was to a pastor. He briefly sketched the results attained by a loyal Presbyterian, who was a man that filled with gladness the heart of God.

#### Dr. Cunningham's Address.

"Our Synodical Home—Mission Cause," was the title of an interesting paper assigned to Rev. Dr. Cunningham, by reason of his peculiar fitness to handle it. The work of the synodical mission had passed its twelfth year, said Dr. Cunningham, and it was growing. Its duties were first, to sustain the churches, secondly, to erect new churches, and thirdly, to extend the work of evangelisation. Statistics showed 152 ministers employed last year; churches and missions added, 178; pastoral charges, 48. It was a great array of the church and was grouping national relations in a happy way. Dr. Cunningham quoted other favorable statistics to show the increase of work done in the past year in sustentation and synodical missions. He enumerated the number of communicants, the number in the Sabbath school, etc. Dr. Cunningham hoped the Washington presbytery would carry home to its respective churches the details of the work accomplished, and assist in giving the financial support needed. He noted the presbyteries which had been generous contributors. The synod had apportioned to Washington presbytery nearly \$3,000, and Dr. Cunningham believed the amount would be raised. He closed with an effective and eloquent appeal for aid for the one hundred and forty-eight ministers that minister to sparsely settled regions.

Rev. James H. Snowden, of the Second Presbyterian church, Washington, addressed the presbytery on "Giving, an Act of Worship." The subject, he said, was an appropriate one, since the Third Presbyterian church, in which he was speaking, was noted throughout the presbytery for its giving; its new building was a monument to the liberal congregation. His talk was one of the most interesting of the evening. He showed, by a very clever analysis that giving was an act of worship, and along this line he discussed the sense of value, using unique comparisons. The sense of the worth of God must be cultivated to have a right standard of value. What we give for anything expresses our sense of the value of it. We estimate an article by what we pay; paying taxes grudgingly or defrauding the government out of them shows a man to have a small sense of his appreciation of law and liberty. Our worth of our friends is expressed by gifts at Christmas time. What we give religiously expresses our worth of God. So, Rev. Mr. Snowden reasoned, we should contribute to His cause according to our estimate. God craved our fellowship and our worship of Him gratified Him. Our worship was expressed by our bestowal of gifts on Him. When we give to Him, we give ourselves, for money was a man's services transformed into this medium. While the gospel was free as the sunlight it cost something to preach it. Giving was all the more praiseworthy according to the sacrifices it entailed. Rev. Mr. Snowden insisted on looking on it as a secular thing. Giving was a part of the services and it expressed our appreciation of God. Large, liberal, self-sacrificing gifts displayed a high value on God.

#### Church and Tithers.

Rev. Matthew Rutherford, of the Third Presbyterian church, Washington, spoke on "The Church and the Laboring People." The founder of the church was a carpenter, who placed an honor on his workingmen, said he, in opening. Christ assembled men from the laboring classes of society, fishermen and men of lowly walks, in carrying out His mission. The speaker said this honoring of workingmen was characteristic of the early church and the present, and he noted James' epistle, which warned the people against paying distinction to the man with the gold ring and gay apparel. He did not believe the assertions made nowadays that the laboring men had abandoned the church, that they had been frozen out. In his own church, the speaker had tin plate workers, railroaders, machinists, washwomen, and laborers of every vocation. Industrial conditions have changed very much in the last quarter of a century. The people were massed in the cities. There were many labor leaders who were separated from the churches. But the fact remained that a larger percentage of the laboring classes were members of the churches than at the beginning of the present century, and they were loyal and true. The church had no sympathy with the pessimists who argued that the church was only for the millionaires, that it was bought by the rich and barred out the poor. The speaker was reared and had lived in manufacturing towns; he was the son of a laborer; he had toiled with his hands; he had known where the Christians he had known were employed of the foundries and the mills. They might not have been so intelligent or well dressed as the professional man; but they were just as loyal.

The church should be the workingmen's friend, continued the speaker. The laborer should be the church's sympathy. There were times when the tolling masses could not get work, when they needed sympathy and attention. It was the church's duty to look after their spiritual welfare and freely give the comforts needed. The speaker contrasted the homes of Christian workingmen with the cheerless habitations of the toilers that had no church affiliations. The church is the great friend of the workman, claimed Mr. Rutherford. It has preserved for him one day's rest every week; it

stood for work six days and rest on the seventh. It was the friend of the workingmen in all movements tending to his social improvement. Whether or not the workingmen were the pillars of the church, the speaker said they were the bases; they were in the majority. Concluding, he said it was the church's business to get close to the toilers, to visit the sweating laborers, and make them feel that the church saw a dignity in labor. The speaker believed the church's membership would increase by so doing. God was no respecter of persons, and the church was miscreant to its duties if it distinguished between broadcloth and homespun. Rev. Mr. Rutherford's address was followed with the closest attention, and it was heartily commented on.

#### The Delegates.

At the conclusion of the programme, the presbytery held a brief business session. The roll call developed the following present:

- West Alexander, Pa.—William H. Lester.
- East Buffalo, Pa.—Henry Woods.
- Wheeling—D. A. Cunningham, Joseph Speers, R. R. Bigger and C. B. Austin.
- Clayville, Pa.—Frank Fish.
- Washington, Pa.—James H. Snowden, Samuel Graham, Matthew Rutherford and James D. Moffat.
- West Liberty, W. Va.—J. C. Garver.
- Unkly, Pa.—Jacob Ruble.
- Upper Ten Mile, Pa.—Thomas W. Young.
- Elm Grove, W. Va.—W. E. Allen, Lavery Grier.
- Cross Creek, Pa.—C. G. Williams.
- Upper Buffalo, Pa.—S. T. Montgomery.
- Allen Grove, Pa.—F. E. Armstrong.
- Pigeon Creek, Pa.—T. Ross Paden.
- Lower Buffalo, Pa.—Fayette Vernon.
- Moundsville, W. Va.—W. A. Williams.
- Burgettstown, Pa.—P. H. Gordon.
- Mt. Prospect, Pa.—John J. Snodds.
- Waynesburg, Pa.—John M. Mealy.
- New Cumberland, W. Va.—A. D. McCulloch.

The majority of the elders will report this morning, when the presbytery reconvenes at 9 o'clock. There will be discussions on three topics, led by Dr. C. B. Austin, Rev. T. Ross Paden and Rev. Dr. Williams. The afternoon session will be brief and will consist chiefly of a devotional hour led by Dr. Lester.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

"The Turtle," from the French of Leon Gandiloe, by Joseph W. Herbert, which ran for two hundred nights at the Manhattan theatre, New York, and achieved equal success in Paris, Berlin and Vienna, will be presented on Thursday evening, December 14, at the Opera House, with the original company, scenic inventions and dainty artistic art equipment of furniture and bric-a-brac. This audacious French farce, is perhaps to-day the most widely discussed play in this country. It set the style for a new idea of turtle jewelry and the gowns worn by Miss Lynden have been copied by every modiste of note in the metropolis. Whatever may be said of the morals of the play, it must be conceded that it has been dignified by splendid acting and artistic treatment in every way, and it is acknowledged that it has the funniest third act that has been seen on the stage in years. The notable cast includes such well known artists as Sylvia Alice Lynden, Ada Zell, Frances Brooke, Jessie Lansing, Ada Morton, John Morris, William McCready, J. E. McGregor, Clement St. Martin and Harry Gibbs.

#### "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" never grows old. There runs through it a vein of pathos peculiarly touching and sweet. Like the kiss of a child, it conquers by the very innocence of its breath. The scenery is excellent. In the river scene one sees the floating cast of ice slowly moving down stream. The plantation scene depicts a typical southern home, with its cotton fields, its mansion and log cabins. The last scene in this picturesque drama has perhaps taxed the skilled painter and mechanic more than any spectacle that the stage can boast. It is not flattery to say that "The Beautiful Gates Ajar" is one of the best of the outstanding spectacles ever witnessed. Ed. F. Davis' Uncle Tom's Cabin Company will appear at the Opera House, Saturday, matinee and night.

#### The Octoroons.

John W. Laham's "Octoroons" will be the attraction offered at the Grand Opera House for three nights, beginning Thursday, December 14, with a programme said to be varied and interesting. The cast of characters numbers some of the best in their line, the costumes are tasty and in harmony with each particular scene, which latter consists of some of the prettiest selections from the best comic or grand operas, and also odes of some of the absurdities of the day. Among the specialties, there is not one but what is good, and the impersonations of one member of the company cannot be overpraised. The voices show high cultivation, are strong and sweet and the operatic selections are all well rendered. The programme closes with "Thirty Minutes Around the Operas," and all who enjoy good operatic airs well sung and staged, should not miss this part of the evening's entertainment.

#### Robert Mantell.

The character of Roubillac, the Italian artist, in the splendid drama, "The Dagger and the Cross," affords Robert B. Mantell, who will be at the Opera House next Friday, December 15, perhaps the best opportunity he has ever had to display his powers as a romantic actor. During the past few years there has been a sudden revival of interest in this sort of acting and many players have sought to gain renown in the field. But Mr. Mantell has easily kept his firm hold on the place at the head of them all. Manager M. W. Hanley's prophecy that his star would outrank all comers in romantic drama, has been more than fulfilled.

#### "In Atlantic City."

The exceedingly clever farce with this breezy title, which has been on the boards at the Grand this week, delighted another large audience last night. The cast includes a number of excel-

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#### BELLAIRE HAPPENINGS.

Matters of Interest in the Metropolis of Belmont County.

The public pulse was felt yesterday to a degree as to the project of starting the Aetna glass and manufacturing plant on the basis of the proposition made by the present owners, and there is not much probability of the matter being consummated. The facts are that while the people generally would encourage the starting of the works and would be gratified to have the plant in operation, those who are expected to furnish the money do not come to the front on the proposition that has been made. There is no doubt that a company can be organized on a basis that more nearly meets the views of those who are willing to invest their cash, but the project that has been talked does not meet general approval. Most persons talk very favorably, but their subscriptions are not made, and if the project is to succeed at all it will be only upon some reorganized plan.

Isaac N. Grafton died at his home in the seventh ward, Monday evening, in the forty-third year of his age. For months he had been almost helpless from paralysis, yet he bore his affliction and met death with a fortitude that is unusual. He was one of the best known men in the city, of kind and genial disposition, and was well liked by those who knew him best. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and of Ionic Lodge, F. & A. M., and other societies. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the family residence. The wife, who survives him, has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

The Junior Order American Mechanics have elected the following officers: R. C. H. Schlammer; C. Nat. Thomas; V. C. John Bloom; R. S. Gus A. Stephens; A. R. S. Frederick Stephens; P. S. John Thurn; Condr. Isaac Monroe; W. Dora Ogle; I. S. W. D. Dunfee; O. S. Fred. Rhinehart; trustee, Gus Stephens.

Mr. Will Baggs and Miss Esther Egan were married at the bride's home yesterday and in the evening took the Baltimore & Ohio train for Pittsburgh, where they will make their home. The groom was formerly in the Baltimore & Ohio office.

The teachers and officers of Trinity Episcopal Sunday school will meet at the home of T. C. Nicholson this evening.

Miss Elsa Lazure very pleasantly entertained the Shakespeare Club at her home last evening.

#### Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by Logan Drug Co.'s drug store.—6

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Eddie Kennedy's next fight is with Walter Burgo, at Pittsburgh, on Monday night. Walter should be very easy picking.

Sam Bolen will train under Hughie Arnold for his match on December 21, at the Metropolitan club, with Jack McClelland. He will be the local favorite, and if he doesn't win, the latter will know that he has been up against it.

Manager Kelly, of Cleveland, yesterday forwarded the forfeit money for Fred Green, who is to meet Eddie Kennedy on January 8, at 125 pounds.

Eddie Kennedy is of the Kid Lavigne and Terry McGovern school. He wins all of his fights in short order. He is destined to be heard from.

#### Pillsbury Date Settled.

Mr. D. B. McCune, who has been superintending the negotiations for the bringing here of Harry N. Pillsbury, the chess champion, announced yesterday, that Mr. Pillsbury would come to Wheeling on December 19, for games afternoon and evening, at the Carroll club. All the details for the tournament have not been completed, but it is understood that there will be about thirty players from Wheeling and surrounding towns line up against Pillsbury in chess, checker and whist contests.

#### Christmas Football Game.

There will be a football game on Christmas afternoon, between teams representing the Madisons and the Rough Riders, for the benefit of the Dodgeford fund. Both teams are trying to enlist the services of Arthur L. McFarland, the St. Clairsville giant who played a star game at guard with W. & J. this season, and if he consents to play, he will be the feature.

#### Last Night's Bowling.

Wheeling League—Emigrants, 966, 882, 908; total, 2,756; Rough Riders, 927, 554, 867; total, 2,648.

Musée League—Orient, 901, 810, 849; total, 2,560; Pelicans, 908, 838, 898; total, 2,645.

#### COLOMBIAN REVOLUTION

##### Proceeds With Nothing More Than Skirmishes.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 12. (Hay-tien Cable).—It is announced that the Colombian government has occupied Cumana, on the Gulf of Cariaco, and the revolution is said to be crushed.

#### KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 6.—The latest authentic private advices from Colombia via the Isthmus of Panama indicates the growing gravity of the situation there. The revolution is gaining strength and accounts of sharp fighting are coming in; but the official telegraphic bulletins of "Sanguinary battles" and "splendid decisive triumphs," are quoted and flatly denied. The great pitched battles are described as the merest skirmishes, in which the mortality is trifling. The present plan of the insurgents is to keep the government troops moving and the "splendid triumphs" of the latter really signify nothing but the systematic organized retreats of the insurgents are especially regarded as falsifications.

#### PUERTO RICO ELECTIONS

##### Claimed by Republicans by Overwhelming Majorities.

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, Dec. 12.—Governor General Davis has issued an order governing the display of flags in Porto Rico. The Spanish flag is not to be allowed on public buildings. Of late it has been customary for the municipal authorities in the interior towns to display the Spanish and American flags together on the city buildings.

The Republicans have carried Ponce by 1,700 majority. Elections were held in seventeen towns. The Republicans carried eight, with twelve hundred total plurality. Forty-five elections are yet unreported. It will take two months to complete the elections at the present rate.

The Republicans claim San Juan by a tremendous majority and assert that there has been a complete and overwhelming federal defeat.

#### Not a Republican Form of Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, today introduced in the senate a resolution declaring unconstitutional the amendment proposed by the legislature of that state at the last session, to the state constitution, and that any state that adopts such provisions as a part of its organic law does not possess a Republican form of government as contemplated by the federal constitution.

#### Interstate Commerce Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Senator Cullom to-day introduced in the senate a comprehensive bill for the amendment of the law creating the interstate commerce commission. The bill is in most respects similar to the Cullom bill of the last Congress for the same purpose, but it has been changed in several minor particulars.

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"There has been a tendency to exaggerate the position of Mr. Macrum," said Mr. Hay in answer to the question whether that ex-official were returning to this country as an ambassador from Kruger. Mr. Macrum has been on very friendly terms with the Transvaal government, but that has been his personal affair and something which he would not drag into public diplomacy carelessly. His position is not very well understood at present and it cannot be until he has reached this country and explained it for himself. His suggestions will undoubtedly be acceptable to the department and throw light on the attitude of the government in the present war."

#### British Transports in Trouble.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Advices have been received stating that the British ship Indian Empire, Captain Allen, from Fleetwood, September 30, was at Callao and on fire. She is expected to become a total loss.

The Indian Empire is an iron vessel of 1,515 tons register, built in 1885 and sails from London.

#### LASS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Dec. 12.—The British transport Denton Grange, with war munitions on board, is ashore outside the harbor and taking water.

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